



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: April 2, 2021  
Re: Info Update

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#### FIRST AND FOREMOST

Congrats to Travis Elliott on being awarded the Assistant Town Manager of the year award for the State of Colorado. To paraphrase the Mayor, we know who runs this place.

#### KEEP THE GOOD NEWS COMING

As the design for the improved regional bus station at the Mall continues forward, we received some very good funding news. It appears we have a very good chance of receiving a \$4.5 million grant from the State. The wheels are in motion (pun intended), and we will expect to receive confirmation later this year. At this point we are expecting it to arrive on time (yes, another pun) for a spring 2022 ground breaking. So, for those of you keeping score at home; \$6 million of EOTC funding, \$4.5 million from the State, \$1 million from TOSV, and \$. 5 million from RFTA starts to get us very close to the likelihood of us successfully getting this project off the ground next year.

#### TID BITS

- Keeping with the good news theme, while we know from the Governor's office that transit capacity related to the new Covid Dial 3.0 maintains a 50% capacity limit for transit, this statewide regulation will only be in effect for two more weeks. After April 16, we expect transit capacities will be determined at the local level. We anticipate these new capacity limits to provide us the necessary flexibility to operate all of our routes, including when we operate RFTA's route to the Brush Creek Park and Ride.
- More good news, while case counts are up for the County, we only had one employee out with COVID in the last week.
- Occupancy is looking strong through mid-April. Memorial Day is looking good, and the rest of Summer occupancy numbers and flights are starting to look solid.
- Speaking of summer, we already have 200 kids signed up for swimming lessons at the Recreation Center and the Pickle Ballers are anxious to get on the courts.
- We are giving away 55 (ish) of the white plexi glass planters the Town provided to restaurants and retailers this winter. Sign up for the raffle if you are interested.
- Reservations for Maroon Bells bus rides go on sale on April 14 for the entire season.
- Pitkin County airport will be closed May 17-24 for runway work.
- While we haven't been privy to anything yet, it is our understanding that Ski Co is coming out with a new logo this summer. We understand they will be placing the new logo on gondolas in time for the summer start.

- This week, we had a pre bid conference with 4 different contractors for Top of the Village Boiler system.
- As the owners of the Little Red School House, we undertook some much needed maintenance this last week.
- With dirt starting to move, we are holding weekly construction update meetings for Building 11 and the Havens.
- We are making great progress on the Coffey Place homes. Lots 9-12 will receive their temporary certificates of occupation next week. Homes should be ready to sell in mid-April. Landscaping will be completed later this spring.

## NEWS PAPER ARTICLE

There was an interesting article unfortunately omitted from the Daily Planet on April 1. But never fear, we were able to recover the story and (with permission) print it here:

### **He's Back!**

Byline: Maynard Gorbitas

"Local columnist" Melsa Bluminass returned to Snowmass Village recently for a three-day period to defend his credibility to write a "local" column. While here, Bluminass stood before the Tribunal of Local Columnist (TLC) making his case to keep his twice monthly tirade.

"My family and I have been visiting Snowmass Village since Snowy the Mastodon roamed the area. I first skied here before there were lifts, and I have been coming back for annual vacations for decades. I complain about tourist and the tourist industry; therefore, I am a local. It's a small town. I don't have to actually live here to really know it. Afterall, if science fiction writers don't have to live in space to write about it, why would I have to live in the Village in order to write my fiction?" Bluminass argued before the TLC.

After completing a 72-hour stint in the community, and making 4 runs on the Big Burn, Bluminass caught the first direct flight back to his home in Southern California. When reached by phone during his daily walk on the beach, Bluminass defended his desire to be a part of TLC.

"Since when does a local actually have to live there?" Bluminass rhetorically asked. He continued, "Me living in California and writing a local column is a win/win. No one in their right mind wants me in Village. I learn everything I need to know from Twitter, Facebook, television ads, and letters to the editor. I'm more local than real locals."

When pressed on that point, Bluminass argued that he has skied Snowmass at least 30 times in his life, which is 3000 percent more than that other local columnist, Roger Redwine.

"Redwine may actually live in Snowmass Village and write four times as many columns as I do each month, but at least I ski Snowmass," Bluminass reasoned. Bluminass then conceded that he had always wanted to exchange cool local columnist banter with Redwine.

Asked what would happen if the TLC rules to take away his bi-monthly column, Bluminass stated he will work hard to create a 100 day pin for walks on the beach.

CC: Department Directors